THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1900, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

BULLER HOLDS HIS POSITION.

Dispatch Today, Thursday, Says He Retains the Places Captured From the Boers on Tuesday.

Announcement That Relief of Ladysmith is Certain - British Losses on Monday and Tuesday Approximate 233 Men-More Doubt Than Exultation in London - News of Great Import May Arrive at Any Moment-Remembering Former Failures-Difficulties Ahead-Several Days' Hard Fighting Looked For-Furious Gallantry of British -Few Boers on Vaal Krantz-Boer Attack on Gen. Gatacre a Fizzle-Important Events in the South-Gen. Methuen's Operations.

ndon, Feb. 8 .- A cable dispatch ren this city from Spearman's under today's date says: ler holds his position. Relief is

office that the approximate casualties in the fighting at rieter's Drift up to noon Tuesday

officers, two killed and fifteen woundcommissioned officers and men,

The officers killed were Major Johnmyth and Lieut. Shafto, both of Durham light infantry. The officers nded include Col. Fitzgerald of the ham light infantry, Col. A. J. Montery of the royal artillery, and at Sir T. A. A. Cunningham of the

ing again today in his third atof to relieve Ladysmith, and news the greatest import may arrive at ent. Yet here there is more on of Gen. Buller's two disus fallures after auspicious starts keen in the minds of the list of casualties published y would be a sufficient reminder of tremendous difficulties of his task. the lower ridges, while a praiseins signifies that Gen. White will tably join hands with him. Before en Buller are several days of hard biling and any attempt to forecast result would be valueless. If based in warfare, it would be bound to in favor of the Boers, for apparthe conditions have not materialaltered since the last fruitless at-

the other hand the British troops smarting under defeat and will unstedly be nerved to more desperate kopies that face him. Ladysmith British bravery has been in the

is more than likely that Gen. Bar-at Chieveley may be strong enough able assistance from the southeast, the beleaguered garrison itself, ording to latest dispatches, should ible to create a potential diversion Gen. Buller has overcome difficulties which He in les immediately north of the Tugela. dispatch to the London Times from rman's camp says that when the thams reached the top of Vaal ere still defending the position fled,"
d "more than half these were armed

BOER ATTACK FIZZLED. Turning from the transcendent interin Ladysmith, the whole war area

esents a scene of important activity.

[SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS."]

Ogden, Feb. 8.—Ogden has—and, para-

doxical as it may seem-has not a city

council at the present time. A quorum-

less session is being uninterruptedly

enducted and will doubtless be main-

tilted until order can be brought out

The chief of police has been in con-

stant search of the five fugitive coun-

dimen during the past twenty-four

hours and at noon today repaired to

the council chamber and made report

to the five members who are standing

Readfastly at their posts. These lat-

ter are: Thomas, Parry, Cross, Fly-

are and Emmett. The absentees are:

Jones, Abbott, Brown, Powers and Carr.

The latter has not, however, runaway,

As to the other four the chief of po-

lice today reported that he had found

Abbott who was at home with a very

sick wife. Regarding Jones, Powers

and Brown, the chief said he could find

absolutely no trace of them. It is

stated that they are in hiding in Salt

Lake, and that they will remain under

cover until Abbott and Carr are able to

Meanwhile the chief of police is under-

astructions from the president of the council to bring them before that body

The trouble is growing exceedingly

serious and may result in considerable financial loss to the city. It is, however, not a "Mormon" or non-"Mormon"

be subjected to a fine of \$50 each.

go into session with them.

He is at home, and sick in bed.

of the present chaos.

The Boer attack on Gen. Gatacre's forces, reported Feb. 7, fizzled out, the artillery of the burghers after shelling camp retiring upon the arrival of ish reinforcements. The affair British reinforcements. The affair scarcely warrants being called a skirmish. The British casualties were one man killed and four men wounded.

The latest advices from Sterkstroom announce that Gen. Gatacre's cavalry is in pursuit of the Boers. While nothing has resulted from this affair, it indicates that the burghers are fully alive British

ing has resulted from this affair, it indicates that the burghers are fully alive to the importance of the concentration which is on the verge of occurring between the forces of Gen. Gatacre, Kelly-Kenney and French, and they do not hesitate to take the aggressive in an effort against an established position, though it is believed a sufficiently large body of troops will soon be massed at Colesberg to insure the unopposed advance of the invading army when it is ready to start. That it is not prepared for this move at present, and that all this activity is merely preliminary to what is known as Field Marshai Lord Roberts' main movement is evidenced by a dispatch from Captown under date of February 7, announcing that the director of transport nouncing that the director of transport was advertising for ox wagons and drivers. Without these it will be hopedrivers. Without these it will be hopeless to think of carrying on the invasion, and it must be a month more before they are ready. Another preliminary is that Gen. Roberts has just sanctioned the formation of colonial yeomanry, consisting of a troops of 100 men for each district of the colony, to protect the loval farmers. This force protect the loyal farmers. This force will be officered from among the local

yeomanry. MAY MOVE ON KIMBERLEY. Opinion is divided as to whether Field Marshal Lord Roberts and Gen. Kitchener have gone to the Modder river or to Sterkstroem. Gen. Macdonald's activity in the former locality combined with the belief that the Colesberg movement is to draw off a portion of the Free State force, has given rise to the hope that Gen. Methuen will shortly be enabled to make a successful attack tot relieve Kimberley, while the gradually thinning forces surrounding Mafeking

will altogether melt away. Sir John Gordon Sprigg, the former premier of Cape Colony, has cabled to Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, in behalf of the imperialists of Cape Colony, congratulating him on the gov ernment's overwhelming majority the House of Commons, and declaring the government policy, if steadfastly pursued, would secure South Africa under British supremacy permanent pros-

SHELL AND COUNTER-SHELL

Rensberg, Feb. 8 .- The Boers' position was vigorously shelled with lyddite for an hour this morning eastward from Slingerfonteln and westward from the at Coles Kop, a fifteen pounder shrapnel gun paying special attention to the Boer guns, which have been unusually active lately.

The Boers held a position half way on the direct road between Rensberg and Colesberg. They shelled Potter's Hill yesterday ineffectually.

Durban, Natal, Feb. 8.—The American hospital ship Maine, filled with wounded soldiers, started today from here for Capetown.

fight as attempted to be shown by the

A regular meeting of the City Council was to have been held on Monday night

last, but was broken up by the hurried

departure of Messrs, Jones, Abbott and

Browning was going to appoint D. A. Murray as chief of police to succeed J. E. Davenport, whom they wanted. They also wanted the mayor to appoint

They also wanted the mayor to appear a city physician and sanitary inspector of their own selection. And there is where the clash came. The council is comprised of ten members, five Repub-licans and five Democrats; five non-"Mormons" and five "Mormons,"

"Mormons" and five "Mormons," though the religious faith of the mem-

bers is represented in both of the par-ties. However, the councilmen who so

quickly absented themselves on Monday

and who have continued to remain away, are non-"Mormons" and insist

that the mayor promised to notify them in advance of any appointments

THE MAYOR'S STATEMENT.

When seen by a "News" man this af-

lation to what has been said about me

agreeing to appoint whomsoever these gentlemen should name, for the posi-tions of chief of police, sanitary in-

spector and city physician, I desire to state that there is absolutely no truth

in the assertions. The five non-'Mor-mon' members did, however, call on me

and informed me that they had formed a combination and that they wanted the above positions. Prior to this I had informed all the councilmen that I would let them know when I had de-

ernoon Mayor Browning said:

he might make.

Their excuse was that Mayor

Salt Lake Tribune this morning. facts are as follows:

OGDEN'S FUGITIVE COUNCILMEN.

Chief of Police Made an Official Report at Noon Today that He

Could Not Find Them-Hiding in Salt

Lake City.



EX-CONSUL CHARLES E. MACRUM, WHO HAS RETURNED FROM THE TRANSVAAL.

Mr. Macrum, who was United States consul at Pretoria, South African Republic, when the Boer and Briton began briting, has returned from the seat of war, and his successor, Adelbert Hay, son of Secretary of State Hay, is now in the Transvaal. Mr. Macrum had charge of British as well as American interests in President Kruger's republic after titles began. He is an Ohioan, and his home is in East Liverpool.

ligious or anti-religious lines-which- SOMETHING WOULD DROP. absolute and specific demands upon me, ample excuse for not giving them any notice. I did them know in ample time for them to get out of the way. That is caused all the trouble, for had I taken snap judgment, as I hold I might have ione justifiably, after their combination, and as they are quoted as saying the appointments would have been promptly confirmed."

FUNERAL OF GOV. GOEBEL. Body of Assassinated Kentuckian

Laid to Rest with Honors. Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 8 .- Gov. Goebel's body lay in state through the night with only a few guards around the bier But few people passed through the parlar after 9 o'clock. This morning how ever, the crowd was greater than that of yesterday. As early as 6 o'clock people began to arrive from the country for the purpose of attending the funer al, and by 7 o'clock there was a stream of them pouring through the room in which the body lay so great that the police had great difficulty in handling

The crowd grew rapidly, and judging by the number that came early in th morning there will be no less than 10,000

people at the funeral exercises.

By 10 o'clock the lobby of the Capitel hotel was jammed with people anxious to pay their last tribute to the dead. The number of floral pieces and their elaborate nature was wonderful. It is doubtful if on any similar occasion in this country they have been surpassed. All saloons were compelled to close today to avoid possible disorders. Many men on both sides of the political question were violently opposed to the plan of marching past the capitol grounds, and every effort was made by Adjt. Gen. Collier and Col. Williams to prevent any trouble there through the presence of soldiers. Strict orders were given that no soldier should go upon the streets, and hours before the time set for the passing of the funeral orders were given that the soldiers should keep close to their buildings and away from the side of the square nearest to the line of parade. The address of the day was delivered by Senator

Addresses were also made by Gov. Beckham, ex-Gov. McCreary, Congress-man Wheeler, Judge William S. Pryor and others. Music followed by the benediction closed the services at the cemetery.

GEN. LAWTON'S BODY.

Lying in State in the National Capital-Funeral on Friday. Washington, Feb. 8.-The train bear-

ing the remains of Gen. Henry Lawton completed its trip across the continent at 9:30 this morning, Adit. Gen. Corbin met the party at the pot and troop H. Third cavairy, from Fort Meyer, acted as escort to the Church of the Covenant. Cars were waiting for those accompanied the dead general and they left the station before the remains were removed. Mrs. Lawton, her son Manley and her

three daughters were the first to enter carriages. Mrs. Armstrong, widow of Major Armstrong, whose remains are to be interred at Arlington, followed. Gen. Shafter with his aldes, Lieut. E. T. Wilson and Col. C. E. Edwards, were next conveyed from the station massive casket, draped with the national colors, and covered with flowers, was then carried to the hearse by oldiers of the Fourth cavalry and Fourteenth infantry, who accompanied the funeral party on the special train. The cortege then moved slowly to the Church of the Covenant on Connecticut street, where the remains will lie in state until tomorrow, when the

funeral will be held at Arlington ceme-COLOMBIA INSURGENTS WIN. They Have Captured Bogota, the

National Capital. New York, Feb. 8.-The Tribune has had informed all the councilmen that I would let them know when I had decided to make any appointments. I considered their act in combining on re-

Daly Said it Would Drive Clark and Friends Out of Politics,

And Send Some of Them to the Penitentiary - Testimony Before Senate Committee.

Washington, Feb. 8.-W. M. Bickford, the Butte lawyer, was again on the wit-bess stand in the Clark hearing today. that Bickford had made a visit to Stephensville, to see Representative Wood before the meeting of the legislature, also that while Bickford was in the habit of stopping at the Helena ho-tel when he went to Helena, he stayed the Grand Central during the sessiof the legislature and that Representa-tives Wood, Black and Garr also spent winter at the Grand Central. Bickford said that he had paid the expenses of some of the witnesses in the wellcome disbarment proceeding. His cured the money from Jesse B. Root, partner of Wellcome and an attorney or Mr. Clark. Mr. Root had also sup-plied the money for the payment of awyers' fees in the proceedings against Whiteside at Kallspell. He had not asked Mr. Root where he had got the money nor did he know where he had

Frank E. Corbett of Butte, principal western counsel for Mr. Clark, testined to a conversation with Marcus Daly in the Netherlands Hotel in New York on December 25th or 28th, 1898, just prior to the meeting of the Montana legis-lature. He prefaced the report of the inversation by saying that he and Mr. Daly were good friends notwithstanding his relationship to Mr. Clark, and that they had been acquainted for thirteen years. He said that upon meeting Mr. Daly at the hotel he (Corbett) had asked him if he (Daly) intended going to Montana to participate in the Montana senatorial contest. Mr. Daly, replied Mr. Corbett, said that he was not going. He added that he had gone out of politics, and that he did not care have anything more to do with political affairs there, but his friends there were still interested and were keeping up the controversy. Mr. Daly then said, according to the statement of the wit-ness: "I want to say to you now that if Clark shows his head in the senatorial race, if he is even nominated for the Senate, you fellows will hear something drop that will drive Clark and his friends out of politics and send some of

them to the penitentiary."

The next witness was Former Governor S. T. Hauser, who said in the beginning that he thought he could take the credit or discredit of inducing Mr. Clark to assist us in the campaign and afterward to become a candidate for the Senate.

had succeeded in getting Mr Clark's attention at a visit which he had made to Mr. Clark in New York He said that his reason for doing this was that he had thought that Daly would try to run things; that it was the understanding that Mr. Clark was thinking of leaving Montana and that he had told him that he ought to re-main connected with the State where

"I also told him," said the governor, "that we wanted him to help stand the boss Irishman off." "Assist how?" a member of the com-

"By the use of his brains, his money, and his following." was the reply.

The result of this interview was that Mr. Clark subsequently visited Previous to coming Mr. Hauser said he had seen some of his Republi-can friends and had told them that if "we could get Clark to loosen up we could stand Daly off."

Senator Hoar asked Mr. Hauser what he meant by "getting Clark to loosen up," and the latter replied that Mr. was a very close disposed always to count the cost in any enterprise he might go into. He then related that when Mr. Clark came to Butte he sat up until 3 o'clock one night with him, laying before him the reasons

why he should enter into the contest.
"I told him," he said, "that instead ouses, in New York, he should spend it with us and maintain his identity

When Mr. Clark had objected on account of the expense he (the witness) had assured him that the primaries would not cost to exceed \$30,000 or \$40,-000 and after the campaign for the Senate would not go beyond \$50,000 or \$60,060. This amount would, he thought. cover all legitimate expenses and speaking of legitimate expenses, Mr. Hauser said the idea of legitimate expenses in a campaign in Montana was ery different from what it was in the eastern States.

We have to have money to fix the workers and the saloon men," he said. but I do not include the purchase of votes either in the legislature or out of That certainly is not proper.'

He then gave some figures of expenditures in former campaigns, saying that n the capital contest at least a milion dollars was spent, and "in the first so-called, put up \$15,000 or \$30,000 or \$40,-000 each to begin with, to say nothing Asked who constituted the "big four."

he witness replied, "Col, Broadwater, Mr. Clark, Mr. Daly and a gentleman namer Hauser," (Meaning himself). Recess was taken before Mr. Hauser had concluded.

ROB A MISSOURI BANK.

Officer Fires at Thieves, but They Get Away With the Cash.

Dexter, Mo., Feb. 8 .- The bank at Malden, a few miles south of here. was last night entered by three masked men who, by the use of drills and dynamite, succeeded in opening

City Marshal Davis opened fire on the burglars and it is supposed that one of them was wounded, though all three

scaped in the darkness. The loss in money is placed at \$5,000 by the bank officials. Blood hounds are being used to trace the robbers but owing to the heavy rain no tracks can be found,

Otis Reports Casualties.

Washington, Feb. 8.-The following list of casualties was received at the war department today from Gen. Otis: Killed-Lazon, F. Twenty-fifth infan-Jan. 23, at Iba, Sherman Shepard; Third cavalry, 14th, at Bimmauya, orge Mitchell; G. Thirty-sixth infan-y, 22nd, at Dasol, Zambeles, George Knapp; L. Thirty-fourth infantry. 14th, at Carrinflan, Nueva Ecila, Tho as Griffin: B. Forty-first infantry, Feb. at Mabalacat, August Costa; Thirtysecond infantry, 6th, near Dinalupijan Bataan, Lee S. Murphy, corporal; Leonard T. Brann, Bert R. Lane, Oliver H. Martin, Algernon S. Pressly, George Welsh: K. Eighteenth infantry, Panay, Jan. 11, at Panitan, John H. Denny: L. Porty-third infantry, Samar, 28th, at Catalabagan, Edward Logan. Wounded-Patrick Duffy, corporal,

Minority Report on Puerto Rico.

Washington, Feb. 8.-The reports on the bill framed by the ways and means committee imposing duties equivalent imported into Puerto Rico from the United States and vice versa, were submitted to the House today. The Re-publicans of the committee except Mr. McCall (Mass.) agreed to report in suppart of the bill, devoting a considerable ortion of their argument to sustaining the contention that the clause of the constitution declaring that "all duties, throughout the United States," is not applicable to our new possessions, which, they say, are not United States territory within the meaning of that declaration. The Democrats, together with Mr. Newlands (Nev.) took the contrary view, Mr. McCall, dissenting Re ublican, practically holds with them. He made a separate report, saying he cannot support the bill, "because it does not follow the rule of uniformity prescribed by the Constitution-a rule which in my opinion governs Congress in legislation for the Territories of the United States."

FIERCE WIND DOES DEADLY DAMAGE.

Besom of Destruction Sweeps Over Parts of the States of Illinois and Missouri.

Two Deaths Reported-Nine Persons Injured, Some Fatally-Much Property Destroyed - Tornado Passes Over Outskirts of Collinsville, Illinois - Houses Demolished and Inmates Buried in the Ruins-Telegraph Line Broken and Railway Obstructed-Farmer Saves a Train -- Wind Sixty Miles an Hour at St. Louis-Terrific Thunder Preceded Wind and Rain-Walls, Signs and Trees Blown Down-Sixty-three Degrees Drop in Temperature at Jefferson City.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 8.-The town of Collinsville, Ills., twelve miles from St. Louis, on the Vandalia railroad, narrowly escaped destruction by a tornado today. Nine persons were injured in the immediate vicinity of the village, some of them fatally, and there was much damage to property. The miners who live on the outskirts of the town lost the most by the wind. A group of three residences standing on a hill were reduced to splinters.

The injured are: Paul Quarandhi, aged 35; severely

bruised and burned, injuries perhaps Otto Ödderhole, 17, arm broken, internally injured, serious.

Sophie Fix, 17, skull fractured and

bruised, thought to be fatally injured. Newton Alderson, scalp wound and bruised face, not serious,
Theodore Lawrence, cut and bruised,
and internally injured.

Frank Kobart, seriously bruised. Son and daughter of Frank Kobart,

Tony Skalla, wife and two children Barney Falette, scalp wound and ar-

teries cut. Tom Pomatts, left arm broken. The last two named were blown several hundred feet from their house into

About 2:30 a. m. the storm was first

felt at a point one mile south of Collins. The first house demolished was occupied by Frank Kobart. He, his son and daughter, were buried in the debris and it was some time be. bruised and they were rescued,

bleeding, from the wreckage From this place the wind swept to the orth, its path being west of ville by a quarter of a mfle, and the last race of the storm is to be observed at Hightsville, a manufacturing suburb,

After the Kobart house a group of three dwellings was felled by the wind were occupied by John Marquette, Paul Marquette and Phillip Crossan, and their families. All the occupants escaped injury except John Marquette. His hurts from falling timbers are not severe, but he is badly burned, for the debris caught fire from an overturned lamp and the flames reached him before the neighbors could rescue

The Hightsville Coal company building was the next to be attacked, the im mense smokestack being levelled to the ground and the walls somewhat dam-From there the wind swept to the Vandalia tracks, laying waste graph poles for the distance of a fourth Beyond the Vandalia tracks stood a

group of large frame houses occupied by the Lawrence, Odderhole and Fix nothing is left save a mass of tangled hole and Mr. Lawrence received their serious injuries, and it was here also that the members of the Fix family

were wounded. That the children were not killed is a maryel. Harry Fix and his sister Sophie were asleep in the same room

to separate and brother and sister were let down with their beds to the ground floor. There they were found upon their couches, which had not been broken by the fall, Harry not injured in the least, but Sophie crushed under a falling tim-

linsville, a large farm house was com-pletely destroyed. The farmer and his family escaped. A mile and a half of telegraph line was blown down and much debris piled on the track of the Vandella railroad. The farmer whose home had been destroyed while out looking for his live stock noticed that the track of the railroad was obstructed, and hurried to the west a mile. He flagged the fast train due in Indianapolis at 8:20 o'clock. It was not yet daylight and the officers of the road say the train would surely have been wrecked, but for the thoughtfulness of the former.

ST. LOUIS HAS ONE TOO.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 8 .- Considerable damage to property in various parts of the city and vicinity was wrought between 2 and 4 a. m. by a wind storm that reached a velocity of 60 miles an hour and was of the nature of a tornado. The barometer fell to 29.25, the lowest point ever reached in this vicinity, acording to the weather bureau officials

Previous to the windstorm a terrific thunder storm had raged for several hours, the rain falling in torrents. The

rainfall was 1.9 inches. Mrs. Susie Thompson tangled in a live wire which had been

blown down and was killed. In the burned district, between Franklin avenue, Morgan street, Third and Sixth streets, \$20,000 worth of prop-erty was destroyed. At 82' North Third street the four-story building occupied by the George A. Benton Commission Company and the Sage & Richmond Commission Company and filled with produce, was blown down. It was next door to one of the buildings destroyed in Sunday's fire, and its walls had been weakened. At the ruins of Penny & Gentles' department store, Broadway and Franklin avenue, a cupola left standing at the west end of the north wall and a huge brick chimney topped by a tall sheet iron smokestack were carried down by the force of the wind. Policeman William Ferie, who was

standing near, had a narrow escape Signs and trees were blown down all over the city. At the corner of Sixth and Olive streets a flagstaff was blown from the top of Commercial building the pavement, smashing a large clock

Much delay and considerable damage was suffered by nearly every railroad entering the city, especially from the east side of the river. Trains coming in this morning were late as the result of washouts and others obstruc-

Both the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies were seriously delayed by the loss of wires and poles east of the river.

At Jefferson City, Mo., the wind and rain storm was one of the most severe ever felt there. It was followed by a fall of 63 degrees in temperature and a snow storm which is now raging. Anton Heister, aged 65, was blown from on the second floor. The house seemed I his door onto a stone walk, and killed.

KENTUCKY CASE IN FEDERAL COURT

Gov. Taylor Has Not Signed the Louisville Agreement-Democrats Defendants in Circuit Court-Hearing on Monday-Legislators Fear Arrest.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 8 .- Gov. Taylor not made public. It is not denied, how-

announced this morning that he had as | ever, that the defendants in the petiyet taken no action regarding the Louisville agreement and did not know whether he would do so today or not. He said that there were some things that he desired to consider further, and it would be some time before he made up his mind as to the best thing to do Notwithstanding the delay in signing the agreement, the opinion is still gen-eral that with some modifications it will be accepted in the near future, possibiy by the end of the week.

It was rumored this afternoon that Gov. Taylor had prepared a proposition to be submitted to the Democrats, demanding a specific agreement for the repeal of the Goebel election law, and that the Goebel-Taylor gubernatorial contest should be decided by a vote of ooth houses separately instead of in loint session. Regarding the story, Gov. Taylor would only say: "No such prophas been submitted.

Whether it would or would not be submitted at some later time he would

Cincinnati, Feb. 8 .- Former Governor Bradley and Attorney Mackoy, attor-neys for Gov. W. S. Taylor, and others appeared before Federal Judge Taft at noon joday and were given a hearing in chambers on a petition for a restraining order, the exact nature of which is

nearing former Gov. Bradley and Mr. Mackoy, Judge Taft announced to them that they should at once make copies of their petition for the defendants and furnish them with the same and notify them that the case would be heard in the United States court of appeals in Cincinnati Monday, Februry 12, at 2 p. m. Former Gov. Bradly and Mr. Mac-

key would not say anything about the nature of their proceedings or of the plans of their clients.

Louisville, Feb. 8 .- But few Democratic members of the legislature ven-Stories from London of a possible at-tempt to arrest enough Democratio members to make a quorum and take them to the seat of the assembly caused most of them to refrain from ventur ing to Frankfort to attend Goebel's funeral. The usual formal session was held, an immediate adjournment being taken until tomorrow.

London, Ky., Feb. 8.-The senate and house held executive sessions this afternoon. Memmbers of both branches are reticent as to the cause for secret sessions, but it is generally supposed some action regarding the bringing of absentees will be taken.

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT. Three Killed and Three Injured in a

N. Y. Central Colfision. Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 8.-Three persons were killed and three seriously injured in a head-on collision today bethe New York Central at Gordon Heights. The dead are: Oliver C. Ben-nett, engineer; Mark McFarland, engineer; A. McAvenu, fireman.

The injured are: P. C. Creighton, brakeman; John Linquist, brakeman; Thomas Kane, fireman. Both engines were demolished and tween fast freight trains on a branch of | thirty-seven cars wrecked.